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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: Guatemala -- Dr. Julio Estrada de la Hoz.

REFERENCE: Memo to DD/P fr C/WH dtd 27 November, same subject.

1. The reference memorandum, the substance of which was discussed today by the Director and the undersigned with Mrs. Mary Lord of the US/UN Delegation, is returned with thanks. For your information Mrs. Lord was appreciative of the background information and strongly recommends that we continue to watch de la Hoz carefully, keeping an eye on his activities both at home (in Guatemala) and abroad. Mrs. Lord stated that de la Hoz seemed clearly to be the focal point of trouble in the Guatemala Delegation at the UN Assembly. He was arrogantly obnoxious and completely hostile to the US in his utterances, both public and private. As long as he was in the delegation, Guatemala voted against the US position at almost every opportunity, and only after his departure did the Guatemalan Delegation begin to show any degree of cooperation. In fact there was quite a lot of cooperation and some favorable votes from the Guatemalan Delegation during the latter part of the recently-concluded session. Shortly prior to de la Hoz' departure he boasted that he was returning to Guatemala for some very "important purposes" -- among others, to take up his duties as General Secretary of his political party.

2. I should think that it might be worth while for us to study de la Hoz very carefully and collect some additional information on his idiosyncrasies and weak points, with a view to launching a campaign of attack against him as well as to discredit him, not only at home but also abroad. Please let me know whether you believe this to be a feasible undertaking. You might wish to pass on this information to Staff C and solicit the assistance of that Staff.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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Encl:  
Ref memo with  
memo of 20 Nov/53 from  
DCI to DD/P Re: PBSUCCESS.

cc: Mr. Tofte via C/PP ✓